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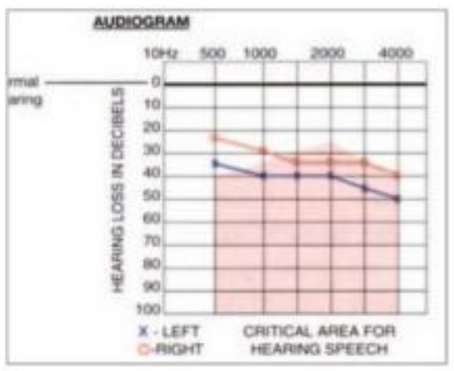

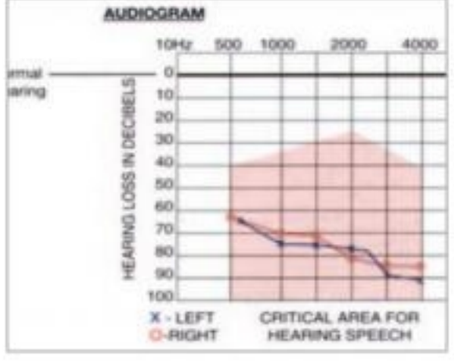

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'Residents face paying more for less'

Tories blasted by Labour over 'complete mess' of their budget

By Christian Wilson

THE borough council has been accused of making "a complete mess" of its budget for the next four years.

A proposal stating Basingstoke and Deane's intention to increase its council tax by five per cent was put out for the public to consider in a consultation launched last Friday.

The change follows the council's decision to increase tax by two per cent earlier this year – the first time it had raised the figure in five years, with the latest rise blamed on a reduction in funding expected in February.

The council's main Government grant will then be cut by 49 per cent, with the proposed budget outlining plans to increase tax for average property owners across the borough up to £111.42 as a result.

But while acknowledging the strain put on the authority by the Government, the borough's Labour group has blamed the sudden jump on "financial mismanagement" from the Conservative-led council in the past.

Group leader, Cllr Paul Harvey, said: "The Tories have played politics with council tax for years and now we can see austerity at work.

"The budget should be about building houses, and bringing jobs to the area, but [they] have got a completely wrong agenda, and are making a complete mess of things.

"We're facing serious problems with the budget, because of mismanagement in the past.

"It's another whammy, and the residents are getting a raw deal from this by paying more, with less for it."

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Warning over officers set to be proved right

• *The federation's John Apter said he would take 'no pleasure' in being right*

HAMPSHIRE Police Federation's warning that 1,000 officers could be lost in the county by next year looks set to come to fruition.

Last year's 'Cuts Have Consequences' campaign by the federation predicted that increasing cuts to the force would result in the drop by 2017, when compared to the number of officers in 2010.

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Management branded 'a shambles' at home

By Christian Wilson

A BASINGSTOKE care home has been told to improve in a damning report by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Gracewell of Basingstoke received a rating of "requires improvement" in four of the five categories being inspected, while management and leadership at the home was also branded "inadequate".

The nursing home, in Grove Road, Viables, was onto its fourth interim manager in 11 months at the time of the three-day CQC inspection at the end of June, and had a "high dependency" on agency staff to cope.

And the report that followed noted that "without exception", residents, their relatives, friends, and staff had told inspectors there were too many agency staff who "did not know the people they were supporting".

It read: "The lack of consistent leadership and management had left people, their relatives and staff feeling concerned about the quality of care provided in the home.

• *Gracewell of Basingstoke, formerly Pemberley House, has been told it requires improvement by the CQC*

"Staff told us the perpetual change of management had been demoralising, and left them feeling as if they were not valued.

"People and relatives told us that the regular staff were "wonderful", but often did not have the time to stop and chat, because they were always rushed."

One relative of the residents branded the management as "a shambles" at the home, which cared for 69 elderly people, some of whom were living with dementia, at the time of the inspection.

The report also assessed whether the service at Gracewell was "safe", "effective", "caring", and "responsive" – insisting each category required improvement.

A total of three breaches of the Health and Social Care Act were found to have taken place at the home, with one person telling the CQC that night agency staff caused "great distress" by taking "over 20 minutes" to support residents using the toilet.

The report added: "Positive caring relationships were not consistently developed by all staff with people living at the home.

"People had mixed views with regard to how caring agency staff were."

It was also noted that reports of one regular nurse having to work for 16.5 hours straight without a break before support from an agency nurse arrived put people "at risk of receiving unsafe care" from staff who were "over tired".

A spokesperson for the home said: "The health and wellbeing of everyone we support is always our number one priority.

"We are continuing to work closely with residents and their loved ones, so that everyone receives the high-quality care they expect and deserve."

Call to make road safety pledge

HAMPSHIRE County Council is calling on all motorists to support a national campaign to help make the county's roads safer over the winter months.

Teams from the authority will be out across Hampshire for the rest of the week in an attempt to deliver targeted training to different age groups.

The council is asking drivers to sign a pledge to stick to six elements, as part of National Road Safety Week, which runs until this Sunday.

Driving to the speed limit, not drink driving, wearing a seatbelt, not using a mobile at the wheel, keeping alert, and using public transport as an alternative when possible are all included.

Other aspects targeted as part of the campaign will see the council work with primary school children highlighting the importance of being seen on dark winter days, and helping older drivers enhance their driving skills.

Executive member for transport, Cllr Rob Humby, said: "The county council's road safety team work with the police and other partner organisations all year round to help people use the roads as safely as possible.

"This campaign asking people to pledge to drive safely by focusing on six elements shows that, individually, we can all make a difference to keeping the roads safe for everyone."

• *Cllr Rob Humby*

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Health talk

BASINGSTOKE: A free health focus talk advising residents how to prevent the spread of infection will be held at Basingstoke hospital next month.

Hampshire Hospitals' director of infection prevention and control, Dr Claire Thomas, will explain the methods used to keep patients safe.

It will also provide an opportunity for patients and the public to hear expert consultants talk about their specialist area of health, meet the trust's management team, and to ask questions.

The talk will be at The Ark Conference Centre, on Tuesday, December 6, at 6.30pm.

Xmas lights

TADLEY: Two of the stars from this year's Basingstoke pantomime will turn on the Tadley Christmas lights tomorrow.

Katrina Bryan and Ben Harlow, who will be playing Princess Briar Rose and the prince respectively in The Anvil's showing of Sleeping Beauty will push the button at the Ambrose Allen Centre.

Katrina, best known as Nina from CBeebies' hit show Nina and the Neurons, and Ben, will switch on the lights at 7pm.

Crime tips

NORTH HAMPSHIRE: The Safer North Hampshire community safety team is urging residents to keep their property safe by following a few winter crime prevention tips.

The public should ensure all doors and windows and doors are locked if going out, sheds should be secured with a good quality close shackle padlock, and valuables should be registered on the Immobilise property register website.

Chair of the group's community safety partnership, John Kennett, said: "Whilst we are fortunate to live in a very safe area of the country, it is still important to do all we can to dissuade thieves."

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Competition aims to promote Small Business Saturday

Vote for your top business

By Christian Wilson

BASINGSTOKE residents will be able to vote for their favourite town centre independent business from today.

The competition is part of the town's Business Improvement District's (BID) plans to mark national campaign Small Business Saturday on December 3.

Buskers will be providing live music throughout Small Business Saturday, while a Christmas tree will also be lit up in Market Place to help enhance the appeal of the Top of Town.

As part of the run-up to the day, which looks to showcase the importance of small businesses in the community, the borough council, and the BID, called Basingstoke Together, want to find the public's top two town centre companies.

Chair of Basingstoke Together, Laurence Martin, said: "Basingstoke has a great range of places to do your Christmas shop, and Small Business Saturday is a wonderful opportunity to go off the beaten track to look around the unique shops that we have.

"Presents that are 'different' are usually the best, and you'll find them in Basingstoke's small, independent shops."

The winner and runner-up from the public vote will feature in the next publication published by the BID, which is funded by town traders to improve the appearance of the centre.

In a bid to bring more people to visit the town's independent businesses, the borough council is reducing prices at its Eastlands and Parklands car parks at weekends to £3 all day from this Saturday until the New Year.

Deputy leader, Cllr Terri Reid, said: "We want to encourage shoppers to visit the Top of Town on Small Business Saturday, and throughout the Christmas period, to show their support for local traders and services.

"The Top of Town is the historic heart of the town, and has a vibrant community of local independent shops and businesses providing a wide range of goods and services."

To place your vote for your favourite independent business, visit www.inbasingstoke.org.

• *The borough's council and BID are attempting to boost the profile of the town centre, and (inset) council deputy leader Terri Reid*

Residents have chance to voice view

• *Cllr Paul Harvey*

• *From front page*

Cllr Harvey was also critical of £1.75m in funding being included in the proposed budget to spend on consultants for projects, such as the redevelopment of Basing View, Manydown and Basingstoke Leisure Park.

In total, £11.2m has been earmarked to invest in providing new facilities, attract investment and generate income to support frontline services, including a one-off investment of £2.7m to priority programmes.

Cabinet member for finance, service delivery, and improvement, Cllr Robert Tate, said: "We are committed to keeping our council tax low, whilst maintaining and improving our excellent services, and investing in the future success of the borough.

"We are keen to hear residents' views on how we intend to do this, and this consultation will enable us to gather valuable feedback, which will inform our final decision.

"The future contains more uncertainties than in recent years, and it is essential that, to uphold service levels and keep finances unimpaired, we must continue to proceed, not only carefully, but also decisively."

Residents will be able to take part in the consultation until Friday, December 16, before the proposals go to cabinet in January and to full council in February, when a final decision will be made.

To view the plans, visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/budgetplans.

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Rated 'good'

HAMPSHIRE: The latest Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary report assessing whether the police force is "value for money" has rated Hampshire Constabulary as "good".

The report, published last Thursday, found that Hampshire was "challenging of itself in seeking improvement and further efficiencies".

Hampshire was found to have incurred overall costs of £310.6 million, with the amount of funding £44.8m under the national average – the second lowest in the country.

Police and crime commissioner, Michael Lane, said: "This latest HMIC Value For Money report only serves to highlight the disparity of funding of forces across the country."

Artists' invite

HOOK: Sherfield School is calling for artists to register to take part in its fourth 'Open Exhibition' by next Thursday.

A selection of entries will be chosen for the exhibition at Sherfield Gallery next spring, with the winner awarded a solo show in the gallery in 2018.

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Young disabled urged to apply for a bus pass

YOUNG people with disabilities are being encouraged by Hampshire County Council to apply for a free bus pass.

Almost 2,500 youngsters are using the council's concessionary bus pass, which allows them to travel for free on journeys across Hampshire.

Executive member for transport, Cllr Rob Humby, said: "I hope having the pass will take away some of the anxiety of travelling on public transport and give young people confidence to get about independently."

The council has been working with schools across the county to promote the scheme, including Basingstoke's Dove House School Academy.

School parent partnership officer, Jacky Gamble, said:

"I'm sure it will continue to help both parents and pupils alike gain confidence, and work towards the young people travelling independently in the future."

To apply, visit www.hants.gov.uk/concessionary-travel.

Hook school to head 'sexting' campaign

By Christian Wilson

PUPILS at an Odiham secondary school emerged the winners of a Hampshire-wide competition to stop youngsters from sending each other sexual images.

Six different schools took part in Hampshire Constabulary's Police Apprentice initiative on Friday night, which saw pupils pitch safety advice to a panel of judges on the consequences of 'sexting'.

The team of six from Robert May's School came out on top, after impressing the judges with their original animated concept, that warned of nude and sexual pictures "spreading like wildfire" once shared.

Robert May's teacher, Kathleen Wingfield, said: "We're so proud of the students for the innovative skills, dedication and cooperation they displayed in both creating and presenting their campaign proposal.

"It's really important that young people have these opportunities because of the true insights and respected influences they bring to solving issues affecting their age group.

"I hope their vivid and inclusive idea can have a positive effect on more young people being safer and stronger in the decisions they take when using technology to connect with their peers."

The pupils will now have the opportunity to work with the police force to produce a campaign delivering key messages to young people about the implications of 'sexting'.

A recent survey of 900 children from schools across the county by Hampshire Constabulary found that 13 per cent did not think it was against the law for people under 18 to take or share sexual images.

Eighty schools showed an interest in the contest held at the force's headquarters in Netley, and Hampshire police praised all of the entries as "phenomenal".

Deputy Chief Constable Sara Glen said: "The reason why the winner was chosen was because of their inclusiveness.

• *The winning team from Robert May's School*

"We were particularly inspired by the fact that they were thinking about people within our communities who might be more likely to be targeted by sexting, and perhaps don't have a voice. We also liked how they bonded as a team, and everybody within that team had a particular distinct role."

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OAP robbed

BASINGSTOKE: Police are appealing for information after a 67-year-old man was robbed in Winchester Road.

The victim was crossing the road near The King of Wessex pub at 5.30pm on Monday, November 7, when he was approached by a man who asked him for money.

The pensioner took out his wallet and the man grabbed it and pushed the victim to the ground and ran off.

The suspect is described as white, tall, and of slim build, and was wearing a brown leather jacket.

Contact PC Daniel Platt on 101, quoting crime reference number 44160421102.

Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, November 18.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 28863 of Basingstoke, while ticket 04507 of Tadley claims second prize of £100.

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Manydown project given £375,000 for new studies

By Christian Wilson

PLANS to build a 3,400-home development to the west of Basingstoke have received further Government funding to help put infrastructure in place.

A sum of £375,000 has been awarded to the borough council to develop technical studies on transport and education improvements for the Manydown site.

As well as the homes, the authority and fellow landowners Hampshire County Council are planning to build a secondary school, two primary schools, a country park and a road to connect the A339 with the B3400.

The Department of Communications and Local Government (DCLG) awarded £850,000 in funding to the project last year, in order to enable the studies to take place, ahead of a plan being submitted early next year.

The leader of Basingstoke's council said the funding would go towards building houses, facilities and roads that would be used by locals for "the next 30 to 50 years".

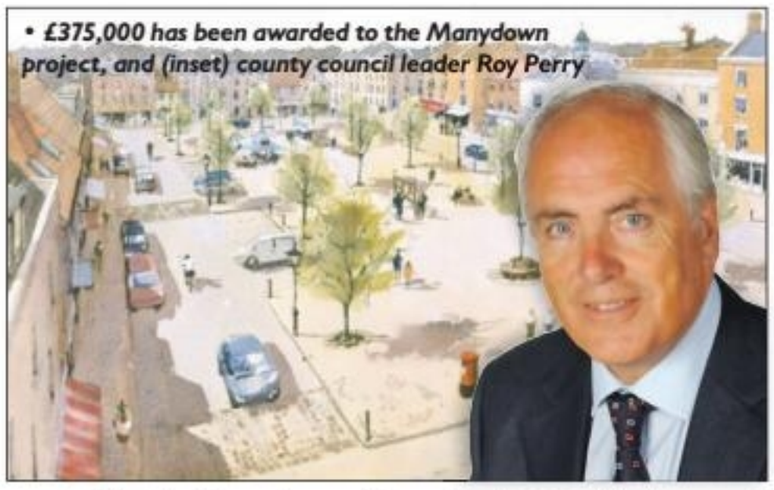
Cllr Clive Sanders said: "This forward-thinking, like that of our predecessors, will ensure that the right infrastructure is in place to support a thriving borough for decades to come."

County council leader Roy Perry said: "This extra funding is an indication of the importance of Manydown not only to Hampshire but to the wider region. The Government has clear confidence in the success of the scheme, to build further on our good work planning for the long-term future of this community."

DCLG handed out the funding as part of a £1.5m Garden Towns pot to be shared between Basingstoke, Bicester, Didcot, North Essex, and North Northamptonshire.

Basingstoke is one of the 'growth towns' in the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership, which is working with the borough and county councils.

Chair Geoff French said: "We are delighted to see Government recognising the importance of Basingstoke by awarding funding to plan for future growth.



• £375,000 has been awarded to the Manydown project, and (inset) county council leader Roy Perry

"We are already supporting the town through investments of £25m in transport to support growth, as well as encouraging business to locate within the developing enterprise zone at Basing View."

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Projects agreed

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Two assisted-living projects in Chineham and Winklebury have been given the go-ahead by the county council.

Council leader Roy Perry agreed on November 9 for phase one to go ahead on a development in Great Binfields Road, comprising 18 one-bedroom flats, and on the construction of two three-bedroom bungalows at the former Newman Basset site.

Three other projects from across Hampshire were also approved, subject to planning permission, as part of a £24 million two-year investment programme.

Christmas fun

BASINGSTOKE: Parents can book a slot for their children to go on Festival Place's Christmas Experience.

They can take a ride on the magical train through Porchester Square to visit Santa in his grotto until January 1.

On Sunday, December 4, Father Christmas will be leading the Santa Parade march from Porchester Square to Festival Square between 12pm and 12.30pm.

A ride on the train will cost children £2.50 per person, while it will cost £4.50 for a train ride, a visit to Santa and to receive a present.

Campaign to keep vulnerable people warm this winter

A COUNTYWIDE charity has launched a campaign to help older and vulnerable residents keep warm this winter.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF) is calling for people to donate their Winter Fuel Payment if they can to help those struggling with fuel poverty.

All funds raised from the Surviving Winter campaign will be handed to those from across Hampshire most in need of help, by ensuring they stay warm, eat well, and remain mobile during the coldest months.

The charity will also ensure that practical help is also given to the residents, including attending doctors' appointments, visiting shops, purchasing essential items and maintaining an active social life.

HIWCF chief executive Jake Ferguson said: "The media have recently warned that this coming winter will be much colder than the mild winters we have experienced over the last few years. So it is crucial that we provide the most vulnerable people with the means to survive wintertime with dignity.

"For some, it is truly a choice between either eating a meal or heating their home, and through the donations of Winter Fuel Payments from those more fortunate members of our community, we can ensure that those most in need are able to keep warm and well."

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Jobs created

BASINGSTOKE: A total of 30 jobs have been created after Think Ford took over the Ford branch of a Basingstoke car dealership forced to go into liquidation in September.

About 300 people were made redundant when City Motor Holdings closed its eight dealerships at Houndmills Estate site, off Aldermaston Road South.

Dodgy cyclists

SILCHESTER: Police are investigating a suspicious incident in Bramley Road, Silchester, on Tuesday last week.

Two men on bicycles began to look around a property, before leaving when they were spotted by a resident.

Contact PCSO Aimee Scott-Molloy on 101.

Panel member

BASINGSTOKE: A town businessman has been chosen as a member of a Government-led advisory panel.

Tim Coleman, of Abacus HR, will be one of 24 business figures aiming to boost Government spending with small- and medium-sized enterprises.

The panel will work with the Government to ensure that, by 2020, £1 of every £3 invested by Whitehall in goods and services, goes to SMEs.

Warning over police cuts

By Christian Wilson

THE chairman of Hampshire's police federation has insisted he will take "no pleasure" in seeing his warning on the predicted drop in officers across the county come true.

John Apter expressed his concern last year that continued cuts to the force would see the number of Hampshire Constabulary officers drop to 1,000 less than in 2010 by next year.

A total of 3,748 policemen and women were employed in the county six years ago, while the latest figures released by the Home Office show there to have been 2,883 by March 2016 – a drop of 865.

This sharp reduction continued at the same rate last year, as the number of officers fell by 181 in total, with 3,064 in March 2015, and 2,968 in September 2015.

But with the next set of figures not due to be released until later next year, it appears that the 'Cuts Have Consequences' campaign's forecast of 1,000 lost positions will now take place.

Mr Apter said: "Anyone that thought that cuts to policing would have no impact had their heads buried deep in the sand.

"The impact has been significant, but for some it's an inconvenient truth.

"It gives me no pleasure at all that [our] prediction has come to fruition."

The Home Office figures also showed the number of police staff working for Hampshire Constabulary to have dropped by 54 over 2015/16, while the amount of police community support officers (PCSO) actually increased by 66.

The force has faced £80 million of cuts since 2010, and had expected a further £10m hit to be announced last year, before the Government then made an unexpected U-turn.

Mr Apter insists that the idea that the cuts have been stopped is only a "half truth" however, due to the direct funding for the police then "being squeezed" by a £131m drop nationwide after the decision last November.

He added: "The police force is still sadly the dumping ground for the public sector, and the current funding formula is detrimental to Hampshire Constabulary.

"Most officers don't have faith that there will be a change, and [I think] they'll keep doing what they're doing, and keep chipping away at us.

"The damage has been done, and I can't see there being a development in investment for the police, unless there's another event like the Paris terror attack."

• John Apter

• One of the Sitting with Jane benches

Sponsorship chance goes on offer

BUSINESSES and organisations from across the borough have the chance to sponsor a bench commorating legendary novelist Jane Austen.

The Sitting With Jane campaign has attracted a number of design ideas from regional artists to fill 'Bookbenches' since it was launched last month.

A total of 25 decorated benches, which will be shaped like an open book, are due to go on display in different places around Basingstoke and Deane next year to mark 200 years since Steventon-born Austen's death.

Several groups have already come forward to sponsor the benches, including Festival Place, Ark Cancer Centre Charity, De La Rue, Abstract Securities, and Basingstoke Deane Rotary Club.

Club president Alan Gibson said: "The Basingstoke Deane Rotarians are at the heart of the local community, and our club has a proud track record of supporting local good causes and important projects.

"Sitting With Jane is an exciting cultural, educational and legacy initiative that will ultimately benefit charities through the proceeds that are raised when the Bookbenches are auctioned."

Sponsors get free exposure in the project's free app, and on plaques, while they can choose which selected design to use on their bench. For information, visit www.sittingwithjane.com.

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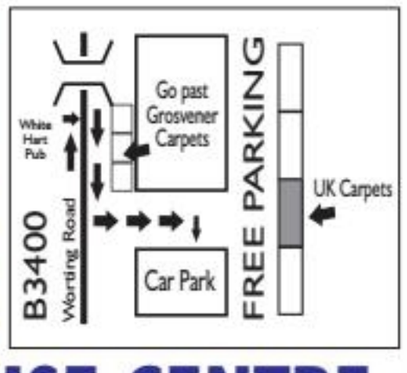

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Health spending

NORTH HANTS: Researchers have estimated that £34.23 will be spent per head by the NHS in north Hampshire on child mental health services.

The Royal College of Psychiatrists found that 25 clinical commissioning groups in England have planned to spend less than £25 per person this year.

North Hampshire's CCG was found to have the lowest estimated spend of anywhere across the county, with Luton's £2.01 being the worst nationwide.

Free parking

HART: Parking charges will be waived in Hart District Council-run cark parks for one day next month to support Small Business Saturday.

The national campaign highlights small business success and encourages customers to shop locally to support businesses in their communities.

The charges will be waived from 8am until midnight on Saturday, December 3.

Member for economic development and finance, Cllr Ken Crookes, said: "We are committed to supporting small businesses across our district, and by supporting national campaigns like this, we aim to raise the profile of the small business offering in Hart."

Agencies test response to radioactive disaster

By Adam Flinn

• *More than 400 staff took part in the training exercise at West Berkshire Council*

WHAT would happen in the event of a nuclear disaster less than three miles away from Basingstoke and Deane?

That's what a number of agencies were looking to find out during a major training exercise held at West Berkshire Council last week.

They tested their response to a simulated incident of radioactive material being released from the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE), which would affect parts of north Hampshire.

AWE manufactures and maintains the UK's nuclear deterrent Trident at its sites in Aldermaston and Burghfield, with more than 400 staff and 40 different agencies at local, regional, and national level taking part in the test.

Haydn Clulow, AWE's site director, said: "West Berkshire Council's off-site emergency response plan for the AWE sites is tested every three years, and we have rigorous emergency response procedures in place.

"Our extensive and specialist response capability in the highly unlikely event of a radiation emergency affecting the public, includes our own fire and rescue and medical service, monitoring teams, radiation protection advisers and analytical and scientific experts."

Other aspects tested included setting up command and control rooms, the systems for warning local communities, and their strategy for recovery.

West Berkshire Council's executive member for community resilience, Marcus Franks, said: "While the likelihood of an incident is very small, we are not complacent and have plans in place to respond should it be necessary for us to do so.

"We regularly test different aspects of our plans but it is not often we have the chance to do so with so many agencies taking part.

"The exercise ran smoothly but there are always lessons to be learnt from exercises such as this and we have now begun a review to understand how we can make our emergency plan even better."

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Council's cut in carbon leads to a £2.9m saving

HAMPSHIRE County Council has cut its carbon emissions by more than a third in the last six years, it was revealed last week.

In total, the authority has cut emissions from 54,200 tonnes in 2010 to 34,813 tonnes this year, saving £2.9 million in the process.

Hampshire is attempting to cut its emissions total to 32,500 tonnes by 2025, with the current savings being achieved by a programme of carbon reduction projects across the council's buildings.

As well as energy-saving habits adopted by staff and pupils at county schools, maintenance improvements, such as re-roofing projects and boiler and lighting replacements, have contributed to the saving.

The successful installation of 23 solar photovoltaic systems across council buildings is also delivering annual savings of £45,000.

Executive member for economic development, Cllr Mel Kendal, said: "If this progress continues at the same rate, I've little doubt we'll achieve our ambition to make further positive reductions, and likely exceed our 2025 target.

"This is great news for Hampshire taxpayers and the environment."

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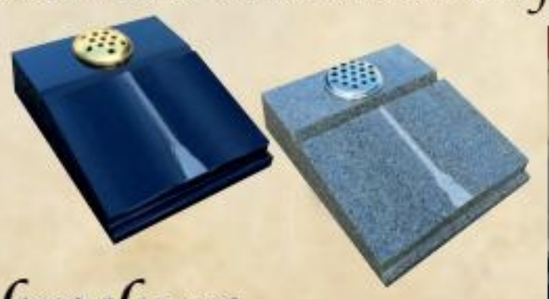

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Groups invited to apply for grant funding

A Hook care home is set to make a second grant available for groups in the Basingstoke area working with older people.

Bluebird Care, in London Road, handed over a £250 community grant to the Holistic Action for Health Associates (HAHA) over the summer.

And it has now made another grant of £250 available to community groups or initiatives, with the scheme focusing on groups tackling dementia and mental health.

Bluebird Care director Phil Miles said: "We were very pleased to support a group like HAHA in their important work with older members of the community.

"We are committed to supporting these groups and hope our new grant will enable one organisation to continue to provide its services across Basingstoke and Deane boroughs."

The new round of grant applications was launched last Monday, and will run until Friday, December 16, with the winner being given support and advice by Bluebird, as well as the funding.

To request an application form, email communitygranthook@bluebirdcare.co.uk, or call 07862 253514.

Town set to host its first Hack Weekend

By Christian Wilson

BASINGSTOKE will host its inaugural Hack Weekend this week in a bid to put the town on the "digital map".

The two-day event will see teams of digital developers and entrepreneurs attempt to solve a series of real-life challenges using smart technology.

Major retailers Mars and Waitrose are among the leading brands that will set the tasks, which are completely different, and include using digital technology to provide support for young people facing homelessness and adversity.

The intensive weekend is being organised by university business incubator SETsquared, which has a base in Basing View, with the winning team being given six months of free business support to help create their own company.

SETsquared's entrepreneur-in-residence, Adrian Braine, said: "Basingstoke is already gaining a good reputation as the go-to place for the advancement of digital technology.

"We are delighted to be involved with the first Hack Weekend in the area, as we hope it will demonstrate our vibrant local digital talent.

"We welcome anybody who is interested in starting a smart technology business – it's a very exciting time to get involved."

The Hack Weekend will be kick-started at a launch event on Friday at Basingstoke College of Technology, where teams will be formed, before participants will then develop a digital solution and business plan over the next two days.

Basingstoke's council is organising the event.

Council leader Clive Sanders adding: "We are bringing together Basingstoke's entrepreneurial spirit and hi-tech talent for the very first Hack Weekend.

"It will really put the borough on the digital map, as well as bringing the local business community together, and nurturing future talent and innovation."

Anyone from a technical background looking to start a business is welcome to take part, and can register at www.connectbasingstoke.org.

• Leader of the borough council, Clive Sanders, has insisted the event will put Basingstoke on the "digital map"

News Bites

Claimants rise

BASINGSTOKE: The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance has increased by 26 per cent in just a month in Basingstoke.

A total of 875 residents were registered as unemployed across the town during October – 185 more than in the month before.

Last month's statistics represent a five per cent increase on the number of people without a job, compared to the same time last year, with the number of claimants aged 18-24 also going up by 25 in September.

HQ expansion

BASINGSTOKE: Lighting solutions designers Luxonic has started work expanding its headquarters in Basingstoke.

The new site, off Priestley Road, will contain two separate areas of 1,580sq m, including a mezzanine area.

Tree festival

ALTON: East Worldham Church will host a Christmas tree festival next month to help repair its belfry and tower.

The event will take place on December 3 and December 4, off the B3004, and see groups present more than 40 decorated Christmas trees to the theme of Christmas songs and nursery rhymes.

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1 Geographical dictionary (9)
2 Expectations (9)
3 Blood-sucker (5)
5 Brink (4)
6 Small space of time (6)
7 Vagrants (6)
9 Coral island (5)
11 Pep pill (9)
12 Determine one's position (9)
15 Besom (5)
16 Capital city (6)
17 Conifers (6)
20 On the move (5)
21 Monk's room (4)

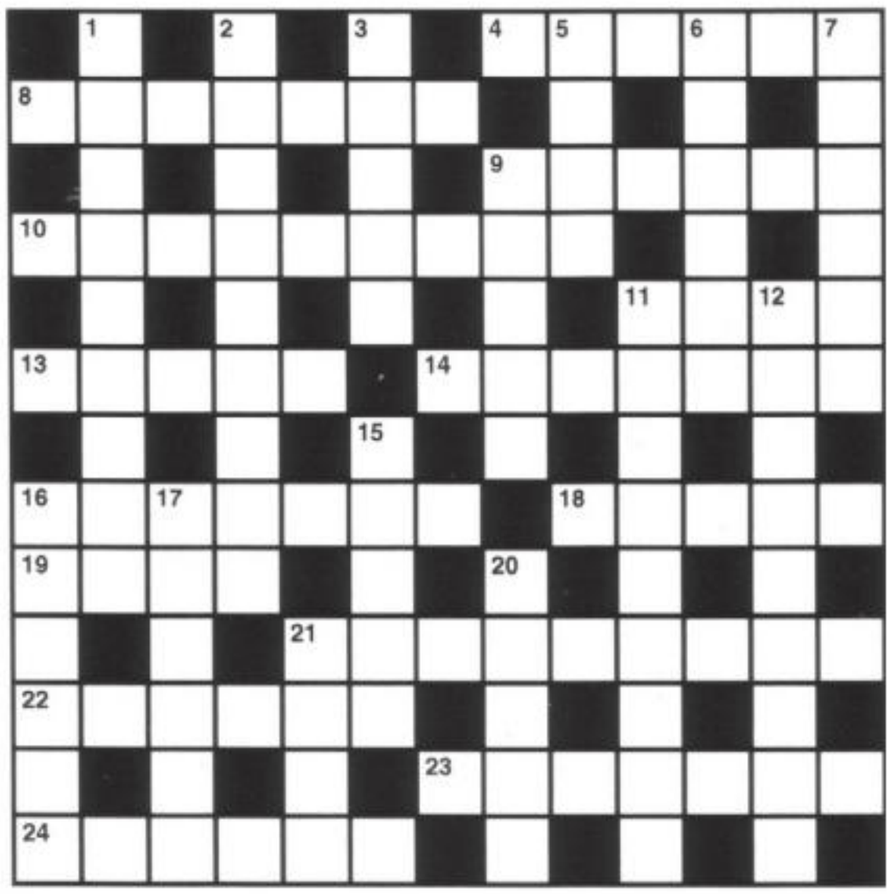
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

4 Separate after the beginning of French leave? (6)
8 Ostentatious to mop up spilt soup (7)
9 Let man change in the mind (6)
10 Dramatic desire for city transport (6-3)
11 Was once a vegetable, it's said (4)
13 The old Englishman could be right (5)
14 Their work is certainly a grind (7)
16 Eaten up as ten different titbits (7)
18 A Spanish hero's likely to be sharp (5)
19 Produce a change of diet (4)
21 She'll put her money on an old sailor (9)
22 To be fastidious, put out the tin during the day (6)
23 Do they haunt the bar?
24 Encouraging lays? (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Foreshadowed an empty decanter? (9)
2 Pale plant has appeal (9)
3 Appropriate wear at the card table (5)
5 First lady has the right - always (4)
6 Former Prime Minister emerged from the battle, entirely unruffled (6)
7 Gnarled fingers lock among the shades (6)
9 Crazy to put the chap in charge (5)
11 The songster has the right to put in a dirty bid (9)
12 CID are up at the end to wipe out (9)
15 Likely to scratch? (5)
16 Tout one's wares - on foot? (6)
17 First class fish not in prime condition (6)
20 Overflow the eastern incline (5)
21 Shock could be the finish of 16 across (4)



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This week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Permit 8 Career 9 Agenda 10 Persecute 11 Stop 13 Steed 14 Ulsters 16 Lecture 18 Ember 19 Ones 21 Consulate 22 Diadem 23 Lignite 24 Nestle

Down: 1 Gazetteer 2 Prospects 3 Leech 5 Edge 6 Minute 7 Tramps 9 Atoll 11 Stimulant 12 Orientate 15 Broom 16 London 17 Cedars 20 Astir 21 Cell

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Depart 8 Pompous 9 Mental 10 Street-car 11 Been 13 Angle 14 Millers 16 Peanuts 18 Acids 19 Exit 21 Shellback 22 Dainty 23 Spirits 24 Egging

Down: 1 Portended 2 Appellant 3 Suits 5 Ever 6 Attlee 7 Talons 9 Maniac 11 Blackbird 12 Eradicate 15 Itchy 16 Peddle 17 Ailing 20 Slope 21 Stun

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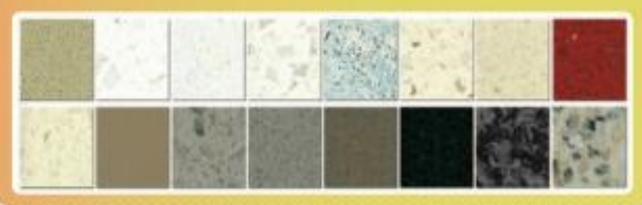

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At the christening of the king and queen's long-wished-for baby, seven good fairies are invited to be godmothers to the Princess. However, the evil Carabosse is left off the list, so she curses the baby. Princess Briar Rose will prick her finger on a spindle of a spinning wheel and die. The Good Fairy manages to change the enchantment to falling asleep for 100 years – to be awakened by a kiss from a prince.

Sue Holderness will play the role of Carabosse, the Bad Fairy. Sue is best known as Marlene Boyce in one of the nation's favourite sitcoms Only Fools and Horses. A seasoned performer on stage, Sue regularly performs in pantomime which she loves (usually being wicked!).

Katrina Bryan will play the part of Princess Briar Rose, Sleeping Beauty. Katrina is known to children as Nina in the hit CBeebies series Nina and the Neurons. The award-winning show has been on television since 2007.

Closing date: Thursday, December 3

Taking the role of the Good Fairy is Sarah-Jane Buckley best known for playing Kathy Barnes in Hollyoaks. On stage, she has appeared as Eva Cassidy in Over the Rainbow and Songbird (which she co-produced); both have successfully been to The Haymarket.

Making a very welcome return to The Anvil as the Prince is Ben Harlow, who has played Prince Charming in Cinderella. Joining them will be comedy star Mark James as Silly Billy, Charles Burden as Nanny Glucose and Phil Cole as the King, as well as local young dancers for the North Hampshire Academy of Dance, JG Dance and Basingstoke Academy of Dancing.

Sleeping Beauty will run from Thursday 8 December 2016 to Monday 2 January 2017.

Tickets are now on sale, so call The Anvil box office on 01256 844244. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.anvilarts.org.uk

Win Tickets!

We have 2 family tickets to be won for this great show. The tickets are for the 6pm performance on Sunday, December 11 and to be in with a chance of winning them all you have to do is answer the following simple question:

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Saturday November 26th

BBC1

Casualty, 9.10pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Live Snooker: UK Championship** (S) **2.00 Live International Rugby Union** (S) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.20 Celebrity Mastermind** (S)(R) **5.50 BBC News** (S) **6.00 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.10 Pointless Celebrities** A family-themed edition of the quiz. (S)(R)

7.00 Strictly Come Dancing The judges ask the remaining six couples to perform their individual routines, and take part in the Cha Cha Challenge. (S)

8.10 Michael McIntyre's Big Show The comedian is joined at London's Theatre Royal by Russell Howard, and pop-rock quintet OneRepublic. (S)

9.10 Casualty Jacob, Charlie and Duffy decide to challenge the team. (S)

10.00 The National Lottery Live (S)
10.10 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

11.50 The NFL Show Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL. (S)

AFTER 12

12.20 FILM Shifty (2008) (15) Drama, starring Riz Ahmed. (S) **1.45** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.50** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Sold! Inside the World's Biggest Auction House, 8.30pm

6.00 FILM The Las Vegas Story (1952) (PG) (S) **7.25 FILM Underwater! (1955) (U)** (S) **9.00 Natural World** (S)(R) **10.00 Secret Britain** (S)(R) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 The Good Cook** (S)(R) **12.30 The Best Dishes Ever** (S)(R) **1.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British** (S)(R) **2.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship** (S) **5.00 Live International Rugby Union** (S)

7.30 International Rugby Union England v Argentina. Andrew Cotter presents highlights from Twickenham. (S)

8.30 Sold! Inside the World's Biggest Auction House Conclusion of the behind-the-scenes documentary. (S)

9.30 The Brits Who Designed the Modern World Arts reporter Brenda Emmanus profiles 10 of the most celebrated living British designers. (S)

10.30 Jazzie B's 1980s: From Dole To Soul The Soul II Soul frontman opens up about the decade that made his career. (S)

11.30 Snooker: UK Championship Action from the second round at the Barbican Centre in York. (S)

12.20 Snooker: UK Championship Extra (S) **2.20 FILM Love (2011) (12)** Sci-fi drama, starring Gunner Wright. (S) **3.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Meet the Parents, 7pm

6.00 CITV 7.25 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.20 Wild Australia with Ray Mears** (S)(R) **11.50 Cash Trapped** (S)(R) **12.50 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.00 This Time Next Year** (S)(R) **2.00 50 Greatest Harry Potter Moments** (S)(R) **4.00 Thunderbirds Are Go** (S) **4.30 Fantastic Beasts And JK Rowling's Wizarding World** (S) **5.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.45 ITV News** (S) **6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars** (S)

7.00 Meet the Parents Dating show, hosted by Holly Willoughby, which puts the love lives of singletons in the hands of their mum and dad. (S)

8.00 The X Factor The talent contest's finale is only two weeks away and the remaining contestants once again face judgment. (S)

9.50 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge, as the famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle. (S)

10.50 ITV News; Weather (S)

11.10 FILM Carry On Henry (1971) (PG) Henry VIII needs an excuse to rid himself of his new French wife. Comedy, starring Sid James and Joan Sims. (S)

12.50 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

Britain at Low Tide, 8pm

6.40 Sandman Triathlon (S) **7.05 The Grid** (S) **7.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **8.25 Murray Walker Meets Jenson Button** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** (S) **9.55 Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Practice 3 Live** (S) **11.25 Lee McKenzie Meets Mark Webber** (S) **11.55 Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Qualifying Live** (S) **2.30 Channel 4 Racing** (S) **4.10 Jamie's Super Food** (S)(R) **4.40 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **5.40 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S) **6.35 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 China: Between Clouds and Dreams A novice monk travels to the world's largest Tibetan monastery. (S)

8.00 Britain at Low Tide Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands investigate Lancashire's coastal archaeology. (S)

9.00 FILM Fast & Furious 6 (2013) (12) A gang of fugitives reunites to take down a criminal syndicate. Action thriller sequel, with Vin Diesel and Dwayne Johnson. (S)

11.40 FILM Speed (1994) (15) Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves, Sandra Bullock, Dennis Hopper and Jeff Daniels. (S)

1.45 Hollyoaks (S)(R) **3.50** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (S)(R) **4.45** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) **4.50** The Common Denominator (S)(R) **5.20** Deal or No Deal (S)(R)

Channel 5

NCIS: New Orleans, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.05 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.40 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops** (S) **11.0 House Doctor** (S)(R) **12.10 FILM A Puppy for Christmas (2016) (PG)** (S) **1.55 FILM Wishin' and Hopin' at Christmas (2014) (PG)** (S) **3.35 FILM Guess Who's Coming to Christmas (2013) (PG)** Premiere. Comedy, with Drew Lachey. (S) **5.25 FILM Finding Mrs Claus (2012) (PG)** (S)

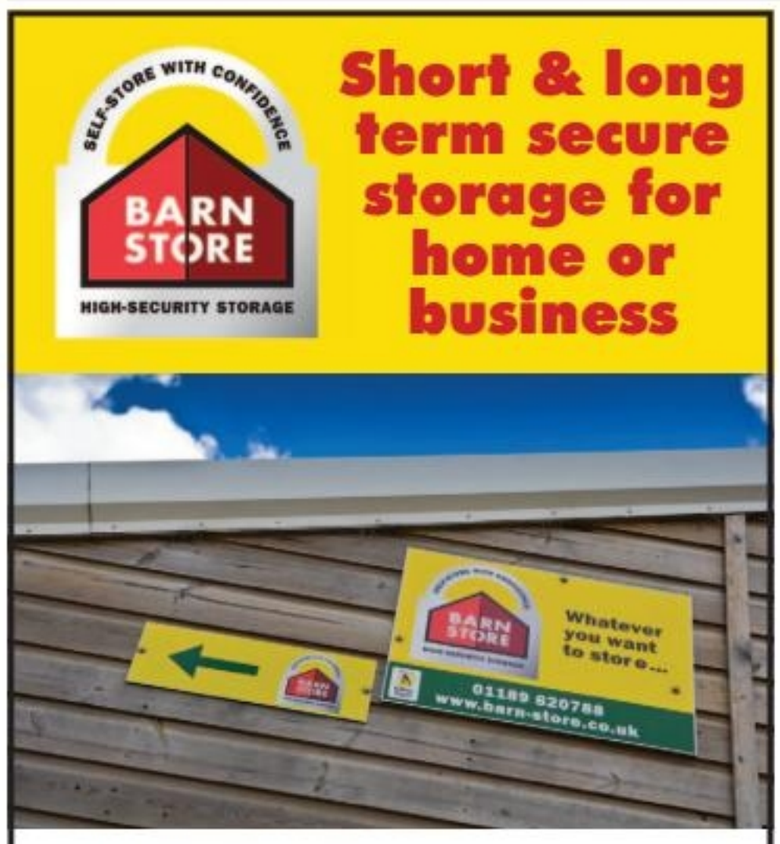
7.10 NCIS A partially dissolved body is found in a bath of acid. (S)(R)

8.00 NCIS: New Orleans A master diver's death is linked to a possible attack on the US by a foreign aggressor. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley an Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.25 The Freddie Mercury Story: Who Wants to Live Forever? Documentary exploring two of the most important years in the Queen singer's life, from his performance at the Live Aid concert in 1985 to his diagnosis with Aids in 1987. (S)(R)

12.15 SuperCasino 3.10 Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys (S)(R) **4.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale **8.30** Coronation Street **11.20** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **12.50** FILM: Step Up 3 (2010) (12) Dance drama sequel, starring Rick Malambri. **1.50** FYI Daily **1.55** FILM: Step Up 3 (2010) (12) Concluded. **3.00** FILM: The Waterboy (1998) (12) Sporting comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05** FILM: The Waterboy (1998) (12) Concluded. **4.55** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **6.25** FILM: The Mummy (1999) (12) Fantasy action adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. **7.25** FYI Daily **7.30** FILM: The Mummy (1999) (12) Concluded. **8.45** Scorpion **9.50** The Xtra Factor Live **10.20** Family Guy **10.50** I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp **11.50** Family Guy **12.50** American Dad! **1.50** Bordertown **2.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Judge Judy **6.20** Where the Heart Is **8.10** FILM: Forever Young (1992) (PG) Romantic sci-fi drama, with Mel Gibson and Jamie Lee Curtis. **9.10** FYI Daily **9.15** FILM: Forever Young (1992) (PG) Concluded. **10.15** FILM: Columbo: Playback (1975) (PG) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. **11.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.50** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Midsomer Murders **1.05** Wycliffe **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 India's Frontier Railways **8.00** Britain's Lost Waterlands: Escape to Swallows and Amazons Country **9.00** Modus **10.30** Horizon: Asteroids – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly **11.30** Classic Soul at the BBC **12.30** Northern Soul: Living for the Weekend **1.30** Top of the Pops: 1982 **2.45** Classic Soul at the BBC **3.45** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Baby Daddy **6.55** How I Met Your Mother **7.55** Made in Chelsea **9.00** Couples Come Dine with Me **10.00** Melissa & Joey **11.00** Black-ish **12.00** How I Met Your Mother **1.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** FILM: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) (U) Family comedy sequel, starring Anne Hathaway. **5.15** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** FILM: Avatar (2009) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Sam Worthington. **10.30** Gogglebox **11.35** Rude Tube **12.35** Tattoo Fixers **1.40** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **2.45** The Inbetweeners **3.35** Rude Tube **4.25** Revenge **5.10** New Girl

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures **9.15** Food Unwrapped **9.40** Tony Robinson: Down Under **10.35** Come Dine with Me **1.15** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newbury and Newcastle. **2.30** Food Unwrapped **2.40** Grand Designs **4.10** Come Dine with Me **6.55** Car SOS **9.00** The World's Weirdest Weather **10.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats **10.50** Father Ted **12.00** The Naked Village **1.00** Deutschland 83 **2.05** The World's Weirdest Weather **3.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Destination Gobi (1953) (U) Second World War adventure, starring Richard Widmark. **1.00** Big Miracle (2012) (PG) Fact-based drama, starring Drew Barrymore. **3.20** It's a Wonderful Life (1946) (U) Fantasy drama, starring James Stewart. **6.10** The Core (2003) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Aaron Eckhart. **9.00** Transcendence (2014) (12) Sci-fi drama, starring Johnny Depp. **11.20** The Babadook (2014) (15) Horror, starring Essie Davis. **1.10** Carlos – Part One **3.30** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Trawlermen **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** American Pickers **10.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **12.00** Top Gear **1.00** Ice Road Truckers **3.00** Trawlermen **4.00** Storage Hunters UK **5.00** Storage Hunters **7.00** Room 101 **8.20** Would I Lie to You? **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **11.00** QI XL **12.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.00** Room 101 **2.20** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **3.05** Idris Elba – King of Speed **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** Campion **3.00** Pie in the Sky **6.00** The 39 Steps **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Rebus **10.30** Waking the Dead **12.55** Pie in the Sky **1.55** The Great Train Robbery **3.35** Garden Hopping **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League World **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** The F1 Show **12.00** Futurama **1.30** Modern Family **4.00** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **4.30** Yonderland **5.00** Supergirl **6.00** The Flash **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Landscape Artist of the Year 2016 **9.00** A League of Their Own **10.00** An Idiot Abroad 2 **11.00** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **11.30** A League of Their Own **12.00** Hawaii Five-0 **1.00** Arrow **2.00** Stan Lee's Lucky Man **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **5.00** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Guest Wing **7.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** Without a Trace **12.00** Cold Case **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.00** FILM: Kill Bill: Vol 2 (2004) (18) Revenge thriller sequel, starring Uma Thurman. **1.40** Ray Donovan **2.50** Entourage **4.0** The Guest Wing **5.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.10 Traffic Cops **6.35** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.30** Traffic Cops **8.25** The Bill **1.30** EastEnders **4.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **5.00** Supernanny **7.00** My Family **9.00** Jonathan Creek **10.20** Luther **11.40** Secrets and Lies **12.40** Code Black **1.40** Traffic Cops **2.10** Iceland Foods: Life in the Freezer Cabinet **3.00** Home Shopping

CHRISTMAS GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 Bewitched **7.35** Lovejoy **9.50** My Family Christma Special **10.55** Only Fools and Horses **5.00** TOTP: Christmas 2012. Mark Radcliffe presents a selection c seasonal tunes on this festive edition, including treats from Slade, Wizzard, Shakin' Stevens, Wham!, Paul McCartney and Jona Lewie. **7.00** The Vicar of Dibley **8.15** Porridge **9.15** The Office **10.25** The Royle Family Special **11.40** Gimme Gimme Gimme **12.30** Knowing Me, Knowing You – With Alan Partridge **1.50** Extras **3.00** Bewitched **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **7.00** Sporting Triumphs **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League Preview **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Premier League Preview **12.00** Live SPFL Football. Partick Thistle v Rangers (kick-off 12.15pm). **2.30** Gillette Soccer Saturday **5.15** Live EFL. Rotherham United v Leeds United (Kick-off 5.30pm). Coverage of the Championship match at the New York Stadium, where the Yorkshire rivals meet for the first time this season. **8.00** EFL Goals. A round-up of recent matches. **8.30** Nissan Game of the Day **10.30** Nissan Match Choice **11.30** Premier League Highlights **1.30** EFL Goals **2.0** Premier League Highlights

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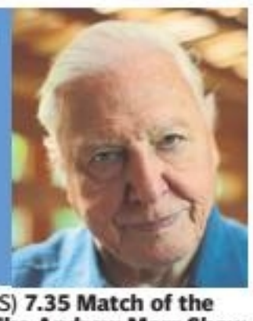
Planet Earth II, 8pm

DAYTIME

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.35 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Fern Britton Meets Alexander Armstrong** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 FILM Enchanted (2007) (PG)** (S) **2.55 Flog It!** (S)(R) **3.35 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **4.20 Planet Earth II** (S)(R) **5.20 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.55 BBC News** (S) **6.10 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.20 Countryfile** (S)

7

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present last night's results. (S)

8

8.00 Planet Earth II Animals that live in deserts, including swarms of locusts, desert lions hunting giraffes, and a tiny bat defending itself against a scorpion. (S)

9

9.00 My Mother and Other Strangers A local child falls seriously ill. Dr Black admits that there is only so much he can do, so Rose turns to Captain Dreyfuss for help. (S)

10

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action. (S)

11

11.50 Sunny D Dane decides to move out of his parents' house. (S)

AFTER 12

12.15 Citizen Khan (S)(R) **12.45** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.50** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Live Snooker: UK Championship, 1pm

6.00 The A to Z of TV Gardening (S)(R) **6.45 Big Dreams Small Spaces** (S)(R) **7.45 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein** (S)(R) **8.15 Carol Klein's Plant Odysseys** (S)(R) **8.45 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.15 International Rugby Union** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship** (S) **6.10 FILM Deep Impact (1998) (12)** (S)

8.00 The Mayflower Drama-documentary exploring the grim reality behind the story of William Bradford and the Mayflower pilgrims. (S)

9.00 Whites v Blacks: How Football Changed a Nation Adrian Chiles presents the story of a football match played in 1979, in which a team composed entirely of black players took on an all-white side.

10.00 Black Is the New Black Life for black people in Britain in the present day. Last in the series. (S)
10.30 QI XL With Gyles Brandreth, Victoria Coren Mitchell and Jimmy Carr. (S)

11.15 Snooker: UK Championship Action from the concluding matches in the second round. (S)

12.05 Snooker: UK Championship Extra (S) **2.05** Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **3.00** Holby City (S)(R) **4.00** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Next Great Magician, 7pm

6.00 CITV 7.25 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy** (S)(R) **11.30 Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel** (S)(R) **12.30 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.40 Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury** (S)(R) **1.10 The X Factor** (S)(R) **3.00 Midsomer Murders** (S)(R) **5.00 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.10 ITV News** (S) **6.30 Off Their Rockers** (S)

7.00 The Next Great Magician Stephen Mulhern and Rochelle Humes present more spectacular performances. (S)

8.00 The X Factor Dermot O'Leary reveals the results of last night's show, before the lowest scoring acts compete in a sing-off. (S)

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge, as the famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle. (S)

10.30 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.45 Peston on Sunday Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (S)(R)

11.45 Premiership Rugby Union Highlights from the ninth round of fixtures.

12.40 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Jon Richardson: Nidiot, 11.05pm

6.10 Motor Sport: 2016 FIA World Endurance Championship (S) **6.35 Le Mans Classic** (S) **7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.00 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.00 Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Live** (S) **4.40 Guy Martin's Wall of Death: Behind the Scenes** (S)(R) **5.40 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** A couple look for a holiday home on Ibiza. (S) **6.40 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 The Secret Life of the Zoo Florence and Nadine, two of Chester's Grevy's zebras, are about to give birth. (S)(R)

8.00 Escape to the Chateau New series. Dick and Angel Strawbridge continue their renovation of a French chateau. (S)

9.00 Humans Leo investigates the Silo and track down the sniper who shot Ten. Hester promises to use peaceful methods in dealing with the killer, but Leo is not sure she can be trusted. (S)

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Vic Reeves and Aisling Bea join host Jimmy Carr and team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson for the comedy quiz. (S)(R)

11.05 Jon Richardson: Nidiot A stand-up performance recorded live in front of a sell-out crowd at the Hammersmith Apollo. (S)(R)

12.05 The Last Leg (S)(R) **1.10 FILM Beyond the Hills (2012) (12) 3.45** Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Highlights (S) **4.40** Kirstie's Vintage Gems (S)(R) **5.00** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (S)(R) **5.55** Salvage SOS (S)(R)

Channel 5

Ice Road Truckers, xpm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.30 Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) **11.25 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **12.00 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM Twelve Trees of Christmas (2013) (PG)** (S) **2.40 FILM Once Upon A Christmas (2015) (PG)** (S) **4.25 FILM Annie Claus Is Coming to Town (2011) (PG)** (S) **6.10 FILM Santa Who? (2000) (U)** (S)

8.00 Ice Road Truckers Darrell braves the roughest trail remaining on the winter roads. Last in the series. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 FILM Saving Private Ryan (1998) (15) American soldiers scour the battlefields of France in search of a missing infantryman. Steven Spielberg's Oscar-winning Second World War drama, starring Tom Hanks and Matt Damon. Includes 5 News Update at 10pm. (S)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 The Hot Desk: Busted **6.10** Emmerdale **8.35** Coronation Street **11.25** The X Factor **1.15** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **2.20** The Hot Desk: Louisa Johnson **2.30** Catchphrase Celebrity Special **3.30** You've Been Framed! Gold **4.00** FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) (12) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser. **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) (12) Concluded. **6.05** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **7.10** FILM: The Waterboy (1998) (12) Sporting comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **8.10** FYI Daily **8.15** FILM: The Waterboy (1998) (12) Concluded. **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **10.30** I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp **11.30** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.30** The Cleveland Show **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Movies Now **6.10** Wycliffe **8.05** Heartbeat **10.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.05** A Touch of Frost **2.05** FILM: Columbo: A Case of Immunity (1975) (U) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.45** FILM: Calamity Jane (1953) (U) Musical comedy Western, starring Doris Day. **4.45** FYI Daily **4.50** FILM: Calamity Jane (1953) (U) Concluded. **5.50** Inspector Morse **8.00** Lewis. When a student's body is hauled from the canal with stab wounds, suspicion falls on her lover - a young astrophysics professor - and his jealous wife. **10.00** Midsomer Murders **12.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.00** Wycliffe **3.25** May the Best House Win **5.10** You're Only Young Twice **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Virtuoso Violinists at the BBC **8.00** Classic Albums **9.00** Second World War: 1945 & the Wheelchair President **10.30** Storyville: Bride for Sale - Sonita **11.30** FKA twigs **12.00** Monkey Planet **1.00** Tails You Win: The Science of Chance **2.00** Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom **3.00** Russia - A Century of Suspicion: A Timewatch Guide **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Animals Unleashed **6.20** New Girl **7.05** Baby Daddy **8.00** Melissa & Joey **9.00** Hollyoaks **11.30** Made in Chelsea **12.30** FILM: Clueless (1995) (12) Comedy, starring Alicia Silverstone. **2.30** The Goldbergs **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Salt (2010) (12) Action thriller, starring Angelina Jolie. **11.00** Tattoo Fixers **12.00** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **1.10** The Inbetweeners **2.10** Crazyhead **3.00** Rude Tube **3.25** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Tiny House Nation **9.55** Car SOS **10.55** Vet on the Hill **11.55** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The World's Weirdest Weather **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** It Was Alright in the 1990s **11.10** Very British Problems **12.15** Sex Toy Stories **1.15** Deutschland 83 **2.20** The World's Weirdest Weather **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Sahara (1943) (PG) Second World War melodrama, starring Humphrey Bogart. **1.00** Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) (U) Animated fantasy, with the voice of Danny DeVito. **2.45** Carry On Cabby (1963) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James and Hattie Jacques. **4.35** Epic (2013) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Amanda Seyfried. **6.40** Mission: Impossible 2 (2000) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Tom Cruise. **9.00** Men in Black (1997) (PG) Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. **10.50** The Running Man (1987) (18) Sci-fi action adventure, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. **12.50** Carlos - Part Two **3.10** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Storage Hunters **7.25** Top Gear **8.20** Top Gear Africa Special - Part One **11.00** Motorway Cops **12.20** Storage Hunters UK: Celebrity Special **1.20** Storage Hunters **2.20** American Pickers **4.20** Top Gear Africa Special - Part One **7.00** Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** QI XL **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats **1.00** Not Going Out **2.50** The Money Pit **3.40** The Indestructibles **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **8.00** The Bill **12.00** Cranford **5.00** The Green Green Grass **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** New Tricks **9.00** Silent Witness **11.10** Spooks **1.50** The Turn of the Screw **3.25** Garden Hopping **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **9.00** Supergirl **10.00** The Flash **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Drone Racing League **1.00** Futurama **2.30** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **6.30** Yonderland **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** A League of Their Own **9.00** An Idiot Abroad 2 **10.00** The Force: Essex **11.00** The Force: Manchester **12.00** Strike Back: Project Dawn **2.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **5.00** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Guest Wing **7.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** Without a Trace **5.00** Cold Case **9.00** Westworld **10.10** The Affair **11.20** The Young Pope **12.30** Divorce **1.05** Ray Donovan **2.15** Entourage **4.00** The Guest Wing **5.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.00 DIY SOS: The Big Build **6.50** Your Home in Their Hands **8.10** EastEnders **10.40** Cops Uncut **11.10** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **1.10** Doctor Who **5.10** Doctor Who: The Day of the Doctor **7.00** My Family **9.00** FILM: Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (2009) (12) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Shia LaBeouf. **12.00** FILM: The Animal (2001) (12) Comedy, starring Rob Schneider. **1.40** Iceland Foods: Life in the Freezer Cabinet **2.30** Traffic Cops **3.00** Home Shopping

CHRISTMAS GOLD SKY: 110

7.05 Bewitched **7.30** Lovejoy **11.05** Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? **12.05** Only Fools and Horses **3.25** Last of the Summer Wine **5.05** Porridge **6.10** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** Marley's Ghosts **9.40** Men Behaving Badly Christmas Special **10.40** French and Saunders **11.45** Extras **1.00** Bellamy's People **3.00** Bewitched **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Premier League Highlights **8.00** The Sunday Supplement **9.30** Goals on Sunday **11.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Watford v Stoke City (kick-off 12.00pm). **2.00** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Arsenal v Bournemouth (kick-off 2.15pm). **4.15** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Southampton v Everton (Kick-off 4.30pm). Coverage of the Premier League clash, as the Saints welcome the Toffees to St Mary's Stadium. **7.00** EFL Goals. A round-up of recent matches. **7.30** Live La Liga Football. Real Sociedad v Barcelona (kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** Premier League Highlights. Manchester United v West Ham United. **12.00** Goals on Sunday **1.00** Live NFL. New York Jets v New England Patriots (kick-off 1.30am). **4.30** Premier League Highlights

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‘Stand up’s a great way to see country’

By James Richings

THE last 12 months have been incredible for Josh Widdicombe.

The back end of last year saw his debut sitcom, ‘Josh’, air on BBC Three to positive reviews, with the show’s second series starting last month.

His stand-up show, ‘What Do I Do Now...’ has also been well received, with the comic taking the show across the country over two halves throughout the year.

And with the show nearing its conclusion, Josh is hoping he can give his faithful fans a set to remember.

He arrives at The Anvil in Basingstoke on Tuesday, November 29 on the penultimate show of his tour.

“I love stand-up,” he said.

“I think of myself as a stand-up and it is not like a proper job, but it’s what I do.

“Other things just happen to me, and they have all come out of my stand-up. It’s good to remind myself why I ended up getting my own sitcom.”

Of his current tour, Josh said: “I really like the lifestyle, and I really like travelling around the UK.

“It’s a very pleasant way to see the country. It’s really interesting to see where people come from and then talk to them about those places.”

Since his stand-up career took off in mid-2008, Josh has become one of the most popular faces on the UK comedy circuit.

His appearances on television shows such as ‘Mock the Week’, ‘8 out of 10 Cats Does Countdown’ and co-presenting the comedy show ‘The Last Leg’ with fellow comedians Alex Brooker and Adam Hill whilst also having his own self-titled sitcom show, have really put him on the comedy map.

And despite the national acclaim of his work, he has always remained down-to-earth and humble when performing live or when doing interviews.

“I find it hard when well-known people moan about the difficulty of fame,” Josh said.

“I was in Edinburgh and a lot of people came up to me, chatted and you can’t complain about that.

“If that’s the tax I have to pay for getting to do what I do, that’s absolutely fine by me.”

He added: “People are very well-meaning. They don’t shout abuse – it’s all really positive.

“They don’t want to talk about much because in these days of camera phones everyone is obsessed with documenting that moment.

“As long as they’ve got proof that it happened, it’s fine. That’s how it works.

“But that’s really good because you can’t spend all day walking the streets talking to people about your canon!”

Suitable for over-14s, the gig starts at 8pm and tickets cost £20.

• *Josh Widdicombe*

Classical tunes

LIVE MUSIC: The Basingstoke Choral Society will be at The Anvil on Sunday, November 17.

The group of musicians arrive at the Churchill Way venue to perform music from Carl Off, Constant Lambert and William Walton among others with David Gibson conducting the event.

Tickets cost from £7 to £27 with the concert starting at 7pm.

Open mic night

VARIETY: An open mic night will take place at the Central Studio in Basingstoke on Friday, November 25.

The Queen Mary’s College event will feature a number of local singer-songwriters, musicians, comedians and poets showcase their skills in front of an appreciative crowd.

It starts at 8pm and is free.

Covers gig

LIVE MUSIC: Hemel Hempstead musician Chris Baker will be gigging at The Riverdene in Basingstoke Arms on Friday, December 2.

The cover, who regularly performs in the town will showcase tracks from Green Day, Robbie Williams, George Michael, The Killers, and many more.

The free gig starts at 9pm.

The world-famous Stephen K Amos

By James Richings

A YEAR after his stellar performance at the Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre in Bordon, Stephen K Amos is back.

The award-winning comedian returns to the Station Road venue with his new show, ‘World Famous’, where in the last 12 months, he has visited comedy clubs and theatres across Europe and as far afield as Australia, Tazmania, New Zealand and the Seychelles.

He told The Observer audiences at the Station Road venue should prepare themselves for a different side of him when he arrives in Bordon on Friday, December 9.

“For the first time in a long time, I am feeling really annoyed. So when I’ve been trying out new stuff with audiences, I’ve been warning them, ‘you know what, I’m pretty annoyed at people’.

“And for some reason they all laugh at that, perhaps because I’m not normally seen as a confrontational type. I’m in despair about the world at the moment, and mainly annoyed at what people are prepared to say and do on social media.

“If you don’t like my stuff, you don’t have to go online to tell me but people go out of their way to set up a Facebook page to tell everyone, ‘I hate so and so’.

“There are so many other things to get excited about that affect all of us: like Britain having a new PM that we haven’t voted for or having Trump as leader of the free world.”

A regular performer at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Stephen is best known for his frequent appearances on Radio 4 shows such as ‘The Odd Half Hour’, ‘Life: An Idiot’s Guide’ and ‘What Does the K Stand For?’ whilst also appearing on TV shows such as ‘Have I Got News for You’ and ‘Mock the Week’.

His continuous touring has been recognised by comedy critics as Stephen has won a number of accolades during his career, which includes three ‘Best Compere Awards’.

Performing live on stage is his niche, as he revealed his excitement at the prospect of gigging in front of a crowd whose opinions are varied.

“The only good thing about hearing that people voted Brexit or that there are people who voted for Trump is knowing those people are out there in my audience.

“Gone are the days when you had like-minded friends who share all your beliefs and now you just can’t preach to the converted.

“That makes for a great challenge to me as a performer.

“I’m not one of those comics who say something just to create debate or whatever; I’ll back up what I say or believe in and I’m open to hearing your point of view without abuse or denigration and with respect.”

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £16.

• *Stephen K Amos*

Chamber orchestra

LIVE MUSIC: Pieces from Mozart, Hummel and Shostakovich will be heard around The Anvil on Wednesday, November 30.

Musicians including trumpeter Alison Balsom and Gabriela Montero on the piano will be at the Chruchill Way venue.

Tickets cost from £14 to £40 and it starts at 7.45pm.

Bad Santa strikes

FILM SCREENING: The Central Studio in Basingstoke will screen the 2003 Christmas comedy film, ‘Bad Santa’ on Friday, December 2.

The whacky film tells of two criminals who disguise themselves as a shopping centre Father Christmas and an elf and plan to rob the shops.

It starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £3 for children, £5 for adults and £12 for a family of four.

Queen Beats covers

LIVE MUSIC: London based covers band Queen Beats will be performing at the Propaganda Music Canteen in Fleet on Thursday, December 1.

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Sat, Nov 26, 8pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
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Wed, Nov 30, 7.45pm
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Mozart's piano concerto is one of his finest. The first movement is full of variety, the slow movement is noble and eloquent, while the mock-contrapuntal finale is a burst of pure joy. Shostakovich's early work is an exuberant and high-spirited piece which combines both instruments in ingenious and witty dialogue. This concert is also available on subscription - please contact the box office for further details.

Thu, Dec 1, 8pm
New Greenham Arts, Newbury
POLICE COPS
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Fri, Dec 2 – Thu, Dec 8
Corn Exchange Cinema, Newbury
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Contains infrequent strong language.

Sat, Dec 3, 8pm
New Greenham Arts Centre, Newbury
ZOE LYONS
Zoe hits the road with a brand new show for 2016 after a year that

has seen her appear on Live at the Apollo, The John Bishop Show and win the Chortle Best comic award.

Wed, Dec 7 – Sat, Dec 10
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
WHO KILLED SANTA CLAUS
Barbara Love is a famous TV star who, just before her Christmas party, is threatened by a chilling voice on her answering machine and then receives a macabre present boxed in a miniature coffin.
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Thu, Dec 8 – Mon, Jan 2
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Sat, Dec 10, 8pm
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NISH KUMAR
This rising star on the comedy scene has appeared on Live at the Apollo, Mock the Week and Have I Got News For You. He's also an Edinburgh Comedy Award Nominee 2015 and Rose d'Or winner for Best Radio Comedy.

Sun, Dec 11, 4pm
Northbrook Street, Newbury
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Wed, Dec 14, 7.30pm
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St Agnes Fountain come together for one month a year; the Christmas tour each December. Performing 'rhythmed-up' carols and Christmas music, interspersed with laughter and spoken word, they begin their 16th year this December.

Wed, Dec 14 – Sat, Dec 18
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THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
On the night before Christmas, Emily stares out of the window, hugs her teddy and waits excitedly for the morning, while in the corner a little mouse called Eddie can't understand why only humans are allowed to get presents.
So he sets off in search of Father Christmas to find out for himself. Along the way he dodges the family cat, gets directions from a cowardly robot and is given some unexpected advice from the magical fairy on top of the tree.
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Sat, Dec 17, 7.30pm
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By **Anthony Yates**

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MOT: May 2017
Colour: Silver
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Tigers savage Bison after Connolly scores for Herd

By Christian Wilson

ENGLISH Premier League (EPL) leaders Telford Tigers proved too strong for reigning champions Basingstoke Bison on Sunday.

The Tigers put their troubles off the ice to one side to run out 3-1 winners on the night, and condemn the Herd to just their third defeat in 15 matches.

Bison had grabbed their 12th two-point win of that mammoth run a day earlier, with a 3-1 victory against second-placed Milton Keynes Lightning at the Basingstoke Arena.

But despite that result, the Stampede were still left to rue what might have been in Telford, after they took the lead through skipper Aaron Connolly 29 seconds before the first buzzer.

In a match that they dominated in the shots column by 41 to 29, Bison were pegged back on 38:22 when Milan Kolena fired past Tomas Hiadlovsky on the powerplay.

Telford's 4-2 win in the teams' only other encounter this season back in September triggered Basingstoke's remarkable run of form.

And in a game that could have gone either way, it was the Tigers who would again come out on top, as two goals in the space of 12 seconds midway through the final period from Phillip Hill and Kolena saw them claim the points.

Bison went into the weekend's double header on the back of a four-point weekend that saw them score 16 times.

Fresh from his hat-trick in the 11-6 hammering of Sheffield Steeldogs, it was Ciaran Long who broke the deadlock on Saturday, as Derek Roehl and Dan Davies combined to free up the forward to smash home off the underside of the crossbar.

That would prove to be the only goal of the opening period, and there was also only one score in the second, with Milan Baranyk deflecting Frantisek Bakrlik's drive past Hiadlovsky on 27:18.

In an extremely tight encounter, the next goal was always going to be massively important, and thankfully for the Herd faithful, it was one of their roster who grabbed it just 95 seconds into the third period.

• Rene Jarolin battles for the puck during Saturday's win over Milton Keynes (Picture by grantkingphotography.com)

Vanya Antonov collected the puck and fed it to Tomas Karpov, who forced netminder Przemyslaw Odrobny into a save, with Shaun Thompson then arriving on the scene to score on the rebound.

Hiadlovsky then pulled off a huge save to deny Bobby Chamberlain, as the Lightning pressed for a second equaliser.

But it was former Milton Keynes forward Rene Jarolin who would score the final goal for Bison with 27 seconds to play to send the home crowd wild, as he broke away shorthanded at the blueline to lift the puck high into the goal.

Basingstoke are next in action at home to Swindon Wildcats on Saturday.

Sport Bites

Roache departs

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town defender Tamille Roache has had his contract cancelled with immediate effect, the club confirmed this week.

The full back only joined 'Stoke in July as one of 19 new signings brought to the club by manager Terry Brown, after he was released by Barnet.

Brown said: "On behalf of the club, I'd like to thank Tamille for his efforts this season, and wish him well for the future."

Still at the top

HOCKEY: Basingstoke Hockey Club's men's 1sts stayed top of Hampshire Surrey 1, despite suffering their first defeat of the season on Saturday.

Epsom 1sts emerged with a 3-2 win from the clash at Down Grange to leave them one point ahead of second-placed Wimborne Wayfarers 1sts.

A first half that saw 'Stoke dominate possession ended 0-0, before Epsom then roared into a 2-0 lead.

Ben Jubin's goal was then immediately cancelled out, while Graham Lang then claimed a consolation effort in the final minutes.

The ladies' 1sts also retained their position at the summit of the South Women's League Division 2, drawing 3-3 at Buckingham.

Beavers triumph

RUGBY: Basingstoke Beavers beat Teddington Ladies 15-10 on Saturday to ensure they bounced back from their 42-0 thrashing by Harpenden.

A kick downfield from fly half Michelle Pickard found Emma Horner to score 'Stoke's first try before half-time, with Horner adding her second and Emily Richardson also going over.

Cup defeat

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town Ladies were knocked out of the Women's FA Cup on Sunday.

'Stoke lost their 4th round qualifying tie against Plymouth Argyle 3-1, with Megan James scoring their only goal.

Sheppard sees positives

BASINGSTOKE Bison's head coach Doug Sheppard chose to see the positives from his side's defeat to Telford Tigers on Sunday.

The 3-1 defeat at the home of the English Premier League (EPL) leaders prevented Sheppard's side from claiming their sixth four-point weekend of the campaign.

But after seeing his side take the lead against Telford and also topple high-flying Milton Keynes Lightning the night before, the Bison boss remained in high spirits.

Sheppard said: "I think we played very well both games this weekend.

"We got the result last night, and we were unlucky tonight."

He added: "We had chances to score in Telford.

"Their go-ahead goal came off of a broken play with a lucky bounce, and from there they scored a quick third soon after.

"We were short in defence but fought hard and gave our all."

The Herd have been in imperious form since the start of October, picking up maximum points from 12 of their last 15 matches in the EPL.

Sheppard added: "I'm seeing real consistency in the work rates, and it's showing on the ice.

"If we continue working like this, then I expect us to win a good number of hockey games."

Basingstoke grab another win

BASINGSTOKE RFC's rise up the table continued on Saturday, as they claimed their fifth win on the bounce.

'Stoke went try crazy at home to Teddington, going over on eight occasions on their way to a 48-30 victory.

They wasted no time at all in taking the lead through Guy Pope's converted try. Just minutes later, from Dave Lambert's quick throw, Matt Guilfoyle was fed the ball to barrel his way past the Teddington defence and over the line.

A mistake at the scrum then handed the visitors a try from the restart, with Simon Appleby and Jon Bird then scoring to take the score to 24-11.

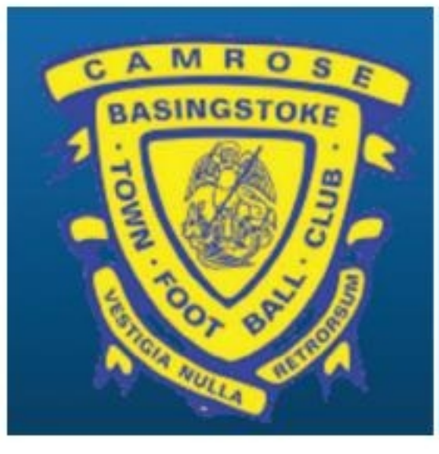
A Teddington try just before half-time put 'Stoke on the backfoot, before James Savine claimed the host's fifth try.

The visitors went over for their third score to make it 31-25.

But Guilfoyle, Appleby, and Chris Dorling then all scored, before Teddington got a try.

The win keeps Basingstoke in fourth in the London 3 South West, ahead of Saturday's trip to second-placed Eastleigh.

• Basingstoke RFC in action against Teddington



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Chairman Razzak to step down

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• *Basingstoke Town chairman Rafi Razzak announced this week that he will be leaving the role at the end of the season (Picture by Daniel Murphy)*

By Christian Wilson

RAFI Razzak will end his financial support for Basingstoke Town at the end of this season, it was announced on Tuesday.

The 'Stoke chairman of 25 years will step down from the role in May, as part of a new "strategic review" to determine the long-term future of the club.

Mr Razzak was behind Basingstoke's decision to go full time over the summer, after seeing the club's bid to build a new 5,124-seat stadium in Eastrop blocked by the borough council.

And he has now expressed his belief that "the time is now right" for new management to take the club forward under the new model.

He said: "I have enjoyed my involvement with Basingstoke Town FC, and my connection to the club will continue until I am happy that a suitable long term plan for the club is achieved.

"Therefore, I will continue to be actively involved during the review, before handing over the reigns to the new chairman, and leaving the club in a financially secure position."

The club believes that its current base at the Ark Cancer Charity Stadium, in Western Way, is "no longer suitable without significant changes", and plan to move away as part of Plan B.

But they gave the home fans plenty to cheer about on Saturday, as they brought their recent run of form in the cup back into the league to claim a hard-earned win over Stratford Town.

Goals from Robert Atkinson and Nana Owusu helped 'Stoke to a 2-1 win, to move Terry Brown's side up to 11th in the Evo-Stik Southern Premier.

It was Basingstoke's third victory on the bounce, following successive wins in the cup over Fleet and Dorchester Town, and was their sixth in eight matches across all competitions.

But it was Stratford who took the lead in the 13th minute through Richard Gregory's stinging drive.

And after seeing Aaron Redford hit the bar, 'Stoke drew level in the 27th minute, as Atkinson's header was adjudged to have just crossed the line before Niall Cooper could get down to save it in spectacular style.

The unfortunate stopper then made a fingertip save to divert Owusu's 25-yard thunderbolt, while David Ray also headed over from close range.

But Cooper could do nothing to stop Owusu from claiming the winner seven minutes from time, as he lashed an unstoppable strike into the corner from 20 yards out.

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